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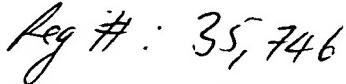
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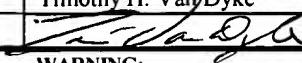
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	139	130		139	130	Non-English specification	
	147	2,520		147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
	112	920*		112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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	115	110		215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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	117	870		217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
	118	1,360		218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
	128	1,850		228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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	121	260		221	130	Request for oral hearing	
	138	1,510		138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
	140	110		240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
	141	1,210		241	605	Petition to revive – unintentional	
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